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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,  
for the month of November 1859.*

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No. 13. Read the following letter from Major H. DRURY, Assistant Resident in Charge, Travancore and Cochin; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 3rd November 1859, No. 93.

*The Assistant Resident to Dewan, No. 1908, dated 26th September 1859.*  
*The Dewan to the Resident, No. 775, dated 26th October 1859.*

I have the honor in reference to your letter, No. 602 of the 18th ultimo, to furnish herewith copies of my letter to the Dewan of Cochin and of his reply, on the subject of the fishing stakes in the Cochin river, as therein called for.

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From Major H. DRURY, Assistant Resident in Charge Travancore and Cochin; to the Dewan of Cochin, dated Trevandrum, 26th September 1859, No. 1908.

I have the honor to forward copies of letters from the Joint Magistrate of Cochin and Master Attendant at that Port, regarding the dangers occurring to the community from the numerous fishing stakes in the river.

2. I think it is a subject requiring especial attention, and that some rules should be framed and strictly enforced relative to the stakes, which ought not to be allowed to be placed indiscriminately in the water at all times and places at the pleasure of the fishermen. Certain localities should be determined and where the stakes might be affixed, and when once any spot in the river is assigned for this purpose, it should never be deviated from without permission, under pain of severe punishment.

3. I shall feel obliged to you to consider the matter and submit to me as early as practicable, any proposals you may make for the better management in future of the stake-fisheries.

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From VENCATA ROW, Dewan; to Major HEBER DRURY, Officiating British Resident of Travancore and Cochin, dated 26th October 1859, No. 775.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1908 of the 26th ultimo, forwarding copies of communications from the Joint Magistrate of Cochin with enclosure.\*

\* *Herewith returned.*

2. The fishing stakes, therein alluded to, are in existence from time immemorial.

3. Having on one occasion been given to understand that a few stakes have been removed from some places and others put in, in other places so as to prove a source of nuisance to passengers and goods, I ordered that they be immediately removed and proper care taken to prevent in future a like obstruction to free passage for boats.

4. This order I have repeated immediately after the receipt of your letter, under acknowledgment, adding that a severe fine will be imposed on the party acting in defiance of the above orders.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. DRURY, Major,  
*Assistant Resident in Charge.*

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No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1859, No. 685.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Obtained 27. Sept. 1857.  
From the office of the  
The Asst Resident  
In Charge Travancore  
and Cochin

To  
The Chief Secretary  
to Government  
Fort St George.

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
1857.

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1858.

Enclosure annexed.

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Forwards copies of Correspondence  
regarding the fishing  
stakes in the Cochin river  
as called for by Government

To the Asst Resident  
23/11/57.